

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Highway 89 Collapse

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of February 20, 2013, the road surface along U.S. Highway 89, north/south bound at mile post 526.6 collapsed; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation has closed this area of U.S. Highway 89 indefinitely and has established a safe detour around the area of impact for traffic; and

WHEREAS, this slope failure and subsequent collapse of highway infrastructure has created a significant public safety situation for this area of Northern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of damage to the highway infrastructure has exceeded the capacity of the Arizona Department of Transportation, requiring support of the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the current weather conditions are causing accessibility restrictions due to rain, mud and/or snow; and

WHEREAS, given the magnitude, the damages may impose a severe hardship on state, county and local emergency responders as well as those engineers addressing the stabilization and repair of the infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Coconino County due to slope failure and road surface collapse along U.S. Highway 89 effective February 20, 2013, and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- c. Direct the Arizona Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and request assistance under FHWA's Emergency Relief Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of February in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

